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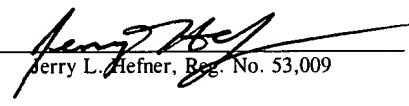
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App. No. : 09/815,242
Filed : March 21, 2001
For : IDENTIFICATION OF ESSENTIAL
GENES IN PROKARYOTES
Examiner : Terra C. Gibbs
Art Unit : 1635

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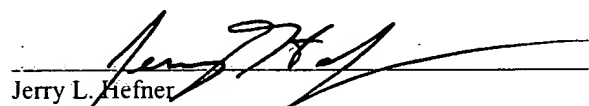
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 23, 2003 (Paper No. 20), Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 30 of this paper.